

Serial No. 09/630,228
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner allowed claims 2-14, 17-29, 32-42, 44-46, and 48 and rejected claims 1, 15, 16, 30, 31, 42, 43, and 47 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art.

To place the case in condition for allowance, Applicants canceled rejected independent claims 1, 16, 31, and 43, and rewrote dependent claims 15, 30, and 42 to depend from the allowed claims 4, 19, and 34.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner found that claims 46 and 48 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including the requirements of the base and intervening claims. Applicants amended claims 46 and 48 to include the requirements of the base claims to place in condition for allowance.

The rejected claim 47 is now in condition for allowance because it depends from claim 46, which is rewritten to place in condition for allowance.

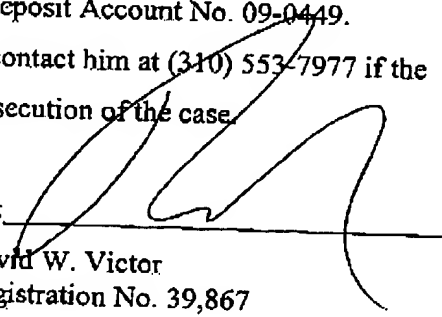
Applicants further amended claims 4, 8, 9, 19, 23, 24, 34, 38, 39, 44, and 46 to remove the reference to a "first" block or control block to clarify the antecedent basis of these elements.

Applicants request entry of this amendment to place the case in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that all pending claims 2-15, 17-30, 32-42, and 44-48 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that no additional fee is needed. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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